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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

Security Committee

SECOM-D-355

29 October 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Secretary, NFIB

FROM:

Chairman

SUBJECT: NSA Proposal on Unauthorized Disclosures of SCI

REFERENCES: A. NSA Member to C/SECOM (M5-0058/82) dtd 16 July 1982
B. DD/NSA to C/NFIB (N 1021) dtd 9 Sept 1982
C. C/SECOM to ES/NFIB (SECOM-D-314) dtd 15 Sept 1982

1. In accordance with reference C, the DCI Security Committee, at its 12-13 October seminar, discussed the proposals in references A and B to form an SCI briefing team for high level officials and to send letters to SCI-approved individuals alerting them to the consequences of unauthorized disclosures.

2. In the course of that discussion, it was observed that neither SECOM nor the IC Staff has the personnel to establish the proposed cadre. It was agreed that a substantial commitment of resources by the Intelligence Community is essential to any progress on the leak problem. Unfortunately, the proposal is not specific as to the resources needed or how they should be utilized. Questions were raised as to whether there is any evidence that government officials are receiving SCI without being briefed and whether any specific cases can be cited.

3. Following the discussion, the SECOM voted to support the dissemination to SCI holders of letters, reminding them of their security responsibilities. The NSA member was asked to provide a specific proposal on methodology to accomplish this. The SECOM did not support the paragraph 2 proposal to form a cadre to conduct briefings of senior officials. It voted to refer the matter to the Security Awareness Subcommittee for a review of the state of security education for SCI-accessed personnel. The survey should illuminate areas in which additional effort is needed. In addition, the Unauthorized Disclosure Investigation Subcommittee was asked to formulate a plan for a retrospective examination of leaks in a delimited area to try to identify actual effects. Such a narrow-gauged review should help predict the probable results of a broad analysis of leaks.

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4. In summary, the SECOM acted to accept the proposal for a general notification to SCI access holders to exercise greater caution regarding SCI security, but determined that further study is in order regarding the proposal for a Community briefing team.

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